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clusions seem to be based on careful study. In these days of specific doubts and difficulties, it is all important, we think, that the broader views of species be taken. We would have even gone farther than Mr. Hoopes in our reduction of some hitherto accredited species, and we fancy we could, in a few cases, arrange them better under the genera. The goodly number of varieties enumerated shows he has not fallen into the bad habit of giving a new specific name to every sport produced under cultivation. The advice concerning the growth and propagation of Conifers may be considered as authoritative for the Middle United States.

We could wish that more space had been given to the "Insects injurious to Coniferæ." The analytical key is clear, and really smoothes the road to the determination of any given species described in the work.

Truth is truth, Mr. Hoopes thinks; and does not need any compromise to make it truer. Such is the spirit in which he claims the acceptance of *Sequoia gigantea* as the proper name for our California giant. The taste which would fill our grounds with imported trees, to the utter exclusion of our native beauties, is, we think, justly censured.

Judd & Co., of New York, have published the book in their best style. It should be in the library of every arboriculturist (whether amateur or professional) in the land. —J. T. R.

THE BUTTERFLIES OF NORTH AMERICA.\*—Such a beautifully printed and finely illustrated work on our Butterflies, as this promises to be, will be opportune to all butterfly hunters as well as entomologists generally. Mr. Edwards brings to this work a thorough knowledge of our Butterflies, and the reader will find much that is new regarding their haunts and habits. In the early numbers the species figured will be mostly new, or if old, those that have been incorrectly described or figured. With Part III. will be commenced a synopsis of North American species, to be completed within the volume. The lithographic plates are beautifully drawn, and the letter-press is all that can be desired. When completed the work will make a most attractive volume. A number, containing at least five plates, will be issued every three months. Figures of both surfaces of the insect are given, and of both sexes wherever possible.

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## NATURAL HISTORY MISCELLANY.

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CHOICE NEW VARIETY OF *KALMIA LATIFOLIA*.—Flowers have just been brought to us by Mr. Charles J. Power, florist, South Framingham, Mass.,

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\*The Butterflies of North America; with colored Drawings and Descriptions. By Wm. H. Edwards, Philadelphia. Published by the American Entomological Society. Part I, 4to. April, 1868. Price of each part, \$2.00. Subscribers may address E. T. Cresson, 518 South 13th street, Philadelphia, Pa.